

Allen Road Waterline Frequently Asked Questions

Am I required to tap into the waterline?

No, a property owner is not required to tap into the water services. However, with the funding from OEPA, the current cost savings will allow you to connect to public water at a fraction of the cost of the current water tap and line charges.

If I do not use the water system can it still be used for fire protection?

Yes, fire protection services are provided to all residents.

I had my well tested by the Fairfield County Health Department and it was determined to be safe. Does this mean my well does not have arsenic?

The Fairfield County Health Department tested for bacteria in the water, not for minerals like arsenic, lead or others.

How do I get my well tested?

We contacted laboratories who test personal wells. A property owner can contact TCCI in New Lexington, OH, to have a sample container dropped off and picked up for testing. The cost is \$14.00 and the turnaround time is 7-10 days. Please contact Lucinda at TCCI for further information at 740-342-1110.

If my well does not test positive for arsenic currently could it in the future?

Arsenic occurs naturally in groundwater in the region's glacial-till soil. With that being said, the test results can vary from month to month. For this reason, OEPA requires public water systems to address this issue when a yearly average has readings above 10 parts per billion.

If I provide an easement will my trees be cut down?

It is not our intention to remove trees, but it may be necessary based on their location.

What happens if I will not provide an easement across my property?

As a last resort, the county will take private property through their power of eminent domain to provide a public improvement. Eminent domain is the right of a government or its agent to expropriate private property for public use with payment of compensation.

If I provide an easement, what will the county have a right to do with my property?

The county can only make use of the easement as to accomplish the purpose for which the easement is granted, to benefit the public interest. It will not provide rights to any other portions of your property.

What will happen to my driveway when the project is constructed?

We will insure that your driveway will be restored to its original condition.

What if I want to keep my well and have public water service?

A property can have public water and a private well, but a backflow device must be installed to prevent well water from getting into the public water system.